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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

65. An apparatus for fabricating a powder, preferably an ultrafine powder,
comprising:
a heater for providing a heated zone;
an aerosol generator for generating an aerosol comprising droplets of a material
solution;
a charge applicator for applying a positive or negative charge to the aerosol
droplets;

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a nozzle unit in communication with the aerosol generator for delivering the
aerosol to the heated zone, the nozzle unit including at least one outlet through which a directed
flow of the aerosol is in use delivered and at least one electrode; and
a high voltage supply for generating an electric field between the heated zone and the at least one
electrode such that the directed aerosol flow is in use attracted towards the heated zone where the
aerosol droplets react homogeneously in the gas phase to form a powder.

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Please cancel claims 61 and 62 without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of
subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of
subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents ,as follows:

A11 Page 4/7, please delete Fig. 7.

A12 Page 5/7, please delete Fig. 8.

NE Page 5/7, please renumber Figure 9 as Figure 7.

A13 Page 6/7, please renumber Figures 10(a) and (b) as Figures 8(a) and (b).

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